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## A-7—CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY (ALL INSTITUTIONS)

You may use this clause, as applicable, to meet the requirement of \$573.6(a)(8) to describe your policies and practices with respect to protecting the confidentiality and security of nonpublic personal information.

Sample Clause A-7:

We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about you to [provide an appropriate description, such as "those employees who need to know that information to provide products or services to you"]. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal standards to guard your nonpublic personal information.

# PART 574—ACQUISITION OF CONTROL OF SAVINGS ASSOCIATIONS

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### § 574.1 Scope of part.

The purpose of this part is to implement the provisions of the Change in Bank Control Act, 12 U.S.C.1817(j) ("Control Act"), and the Savings and Loan Holding Company Act, 12 U.S.C. 1467a ("Holding Company Act"), relating to acquisitions and changes in control of savings associations that are organized in stock form and savings and loan holding companies thereof.

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#### § 574.2 Definitions.

As used in this part and in the forms under this part, the following definitions apply, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) Acquire when used in connection with the acquisition of stock of a savings association means obtaining ownership, control, power to vote, or sole power of disposition of stock, directly or indirectly or through one or more transactions or subsidiaries, through purchase, assignment, transfer, exchange, succession, or other means, including:
- (1) An increase in percentage ownership resulting from a redemption, repurchase, reverse stock split or a similar transaction involving other securities of the same class, and
- (2) The acquisition of stock by a group of persons and/or companies acting in concert which shall be deemed to occur upon formation of such group: *Provided*, That an investment advisor shall not be deemed to acquire the voting stock of its advisee if the advisor:
- (i) Votes the stock only upon instruction from the beneficial owner, and
- (ii) Does not provide the beneficial owner with advice concerning the voting of such stock.
- (b) Acquiror means a person or company.
- (c) Acting in concert means: (1) Knowing participation in a joint activity or interdependent conscious parallel action towards a common goal whether or not pursuant to an express agreement, or
- (2) A combination or pooling of voting or other interests in the securities of an issuer for a common purpose pursuant to any contract, understanding, relationship, agreement or other arrangement, whether written or otherwise.
- (3) A person or company which acts in concert with another person or company ("other party") shall also be deemed to be acting in concert with any person or company who is also acting in concert with that other party, except that any tax-qualified employee stock benefit plan as defined in §563b.2(a)(39) will not be deemed to be acting in concert with its trustee or a person who serves in a similar capacity solely for the purpose of determining